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Applicant(s): Nitzan, Boaz et al. Examiner: Webb, Gregory E.  
Serial No.: 10/045,150 Group Art Unit: 1751  
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Title: SURFACE TREATMENT FOR PRINTING APPLICATIONS USING  
WATER-BASED INK

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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2004 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the January 30, 2004 Office Action is due April 30, 2004.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his efforts in identifying issues with this application. Applicants believe the following is a complete response to the issues raised by the Examiner and that the following comments place the application in condition for allowance.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.